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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Sir:

The applicant hereby elects Species I illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2 for prosecution without traverse. Claims 1 through 8 and 11 through 14 are believed to read on the elected species.

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